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- 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH (IAW) REFTEL PERMDEL SOLICITED SUPPORT FOR REOPENING DEBATE ON POSITIVE CONSIDERATION OF ICHPER FOR CATEGORY B STATUS WITH UNESCO OF FRG, BELGIUM, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, NORWAY, SWITZERLAND AND IRAN. ALTHOUGH MOST WERE SYMPATHETIC TO THE POSITION, NONE WOULD ACTUALLY COMMIT THEMSELVES TO ACTIVELY SUPPORTING A REOPENING OF THE DEBATE. FRG REQUESTED THAT US NOT REOPEN DEBATE.
- 2. LIBERIA, ALTHOUGH INFORMED THAT ICHPER NO LONGER HAS MEMBERSHIP FROM SOUTH AFRICA OR RHODESIA AND SHOWN COPY OF ICHPER 15 FEB 77 LETTER TO ZYSS (ALSO REPRODUCED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN FULL IN DOCUMENT EX/22, PARA 10), STILL REMAINS UNCERTAIN AS TO STATUS OF SUCH MEMBERSHIP DUE TO FACT SECRETARIAT REPRODUCED ICHPER MEMBERSHIP LIST AS SUBMITTED BY ICHPER IN EARLY 1976 WHICH INCLUDED SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA, AND TAIWAN. LIBERIA ALSO INFORMED PERMDEL THAT BECAUSE OF ITS GOVERNMENT'S "ONE-CHINA POLICY", IT WOULD HAVE TO SUPPORT PRC IN ENFORCING 19GC

RESOLUTION 7.34. PERMDEL FEELS THIS ATTITUDE IS HELD BY OTHER AFRICAN EXBD MEMBERS.

- 3. WITH NO ENTHUSIASM AND VERY LITTLE OF ANY HELP TO COME FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN MEMBER STATES, AND LIKELIHOOD THAT AFRICANS WILL AGAIN SUPPORT PRC, PERMDEL FEELS THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT EXBD WILL REVERSE NGO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF ICHPER UNTIL SPRING 1978. IN FACT, THERE IS PROBABLE DANGER THAT REOPEING DEBATE WILL CAUSE PRC, FOLLOWED BY AFRICANS, TO AGAIN RECOMMEND REJECTION OF ICHPER. IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR, THE EMOTIONAL STATE OF THE ISSUE COULD CAUSE EXBD TO ADOPT REJECTION.
- 4. IN BEST INTERESTS OF FUTURE POSITIVE CONSIDERATION FOR ICHPER TO CATEGORY B, AND EVENTUALLY A, STATUS WITH UNESCO, PERMDEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS TO DEPT THAT US ABSTAIN IN VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF NGO COMMITTEE REPORT WITH EXPLANATION OF VOTE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
- (A) MAKE STRONG STATEMENT OF NECESSITY OF ACCEPTING NGOS ON PRINCIPLES OF SUBSTANCE AND UNIVERSALITY WITH NO POLITICAL OR GOVERNMENTAL INTERFERENCE;
- (B) CITE ICHPER'S STRONG, POSITIVE RECORD OF EXPERIENCE IN SERVING UNESCO AND ITS CONSTITUENCIES IN MORE THAN 80 MEMBER STATES;
- (C) CITE FOR THE RECORD THE FACT THAT ICHPER HAS NO MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA AS OFFICIALLY ATTESTED IN 15 FEB 77 LETTER;
 (D) MAKE STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT ICHPER BE GRANTED

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CATEGORY B STATUS IN SPRING 1978.

- 5. PARA 4 RECOMMENDATION CLEARED BY HEATER (IO/UNESCO). UNLESS PERMDEL RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT TO CONTRARY, IT WILL ACCORDINGLY ABSTAIN FROM VOTING.
- 6. PERMDEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING STRATEGIES TO BE EMPLOYED TO OBTAIN CATEGORY B STATUS FOR ICHPER IN 1978 WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE' GAMMON

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